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"My frequent journeys to the outback regions of Australia have inspired and captivated my creative spirit.
It is because of these experiences that I have been compelled to portray the wonders of
this vast and colourful ancient land."

This book is dedicated to my Mother.

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Tribute to the Ancient Land

Acrylic on Linen
100 x 150 cm

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Storm Clouds Approaching

Acrylic on Linen
92 x 122 cm

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All in a Day's Work

Acrylic on Linen
91 x 122 cm

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Lake Eyre

Acrylic on Linen
100 x 150 cm

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Outback Oasis

Oil and 22ct Gold Leaf on Litho Paper
19 x 19 cm

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Misty Moonglow

Oil on Litho Paper
22 x 22 cm

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Catch a Falling Star

Oil and Gold Leaf on Litho Paper
22 x 22 cm

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Beneath the Southern Cross Sky

Acrylic on Linen
92 x 122 cm

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Moonglow in the Outback

Acrylic on Linen

61 x 61 cm

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Moon Rise in the Outback

Acrylic with Mixed Media on Canvas
100 x 290 cm

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Red Earth, Blue Sky and Boab

Acrylic on Linen
61 x 61 cm

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Land of Legends, Diamantina

Oil on Litho Paper

21 x 21 cm

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Wonders of Our Sunburnt Land

Mixed Media on Canvas
120 x 150 cm

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Indigo Sky I

Acrylic on Linen
61 x 61 cm

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Indigo Sky II

Acrylic on Linen
61 x 61 cm

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Alaric Station, Central West

Acrylic on Linen
61 x 61 cm

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Red, Hot in Central West

Oil on Litho Paper

22 x 22 cm

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Land of Dreamtime, Eromanga

Acrylic on Canvas
61 x 76 cm

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After the Dust Storm

Acrylic on Canvas
63 x 76 cm

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Mesa at Eromanga

Acrylic on Linen
61 x 61 cm

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Outback Station

Acrylic on Canvas
65 x 100 cm

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Evening, Ann Creek

Oil and Gold Leaf on Litho Paper
21 x 21 cm

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Opal Country, Quilpie

Acrylic on Canvas

76 x 61 cm

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Evolution of Time

Mixed Media on Canvas
65 x 100 cm

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Carolling Magpies

Mixed Media on Canvas

70 x 85 cm

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Earth Wonder

Oil on Litho Paper
22 x 22 cm

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Lake Eyre View

Oil on Litho Paper
22 x 22 cm

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Ochre Dune

Oil on Litho Paper
21 x 21 cm

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Fire Swept

Oil on Litho Paper
21 x 21 cm

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Nature's Forms

Oil and 22ct Gold Leaf on Litho Paper
21 x 21 cm

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Settlement

Acrylic and Mixed Media on Canvas
100 x 150 cm

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Watery Spirits

Acrylic with Mixed Media on Canvas
65 x 100 cm

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Billabong Song

Acrylic on Canvas

65 x 100 cm

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And the Rains Came to Innamincka

Acrylic on Linen
91 x 122 cm

Biography

Metka lives and works on the Gold Coast in South-East Queensland. Since she started painting full time in 1982, she has taken part in many art workshops and study tours both in Australia and Europe.

Working mainly in Watercolour and more recently in Acrylic and Mixed Media, Metka shows a versatile and subtle technique in a neo-impressionist style, often depicting the natural environment. With her love for 'The Outback', she travels the remotest parts of Australia to explore, discover and collate ideas which serve as an inspiration for her artwork.

"With convincing depth and space and a very attractive play on light, she is always quick to exploit the lyrical and dramatic qualities of her medium. She presents the viewer with seductive paintings; an escapist diversion of colour and imagination."
Sasha Grishin - Art Critic, Canberra Times

Metka travels to Europe frequently where she has studied privately with France Slana, one of Europe's Master Watercolourists and participated in selected group exhibitions in Slovenia, Italy and Austria. Metka has also held a solo exhibition in her hometown of Maribor in Slovenia.

To date she has held over twenty solo exhibitions and her work is represented in major galleries and corporate and private collections in Australia, Japan, Britain, USA and Europe.

"The origins of my creativity derive from my daily observations and experiences, together with an innate desire to paint what moves me and to entice the viewer to willingly participate in the enjoyment of art."

Curriculum Vitae

Art Studies

1970 Certificate of Education, Melbourne, Victoria
1978 Diploma of Education, University of Southern Queensland
1989 - 1993 Professional Development at University of Southern Queensland
1996 Arts Queensland Grant for Professional Development
1996 Private Studies: Master Watercolourist, France Slana, Slovenia
2000 Private Studies: Master Watercolourist, France Slana, Slovenia

Awards and Acquisitions

2009 Trinity Lutheran College, First Prize - Overall, Qld
2007 Landmark Art Show, Second Prize Traditional Watercolour, Mitchell, Qld
2006 Landmark Art Show, First Prize Watercolour, Mitchell, Qld
2003 Trinity Lutheran College, Acquisition Prize, Qld
2002 Bundaberg Arts Festival, People's Choice Award, Qld
2001 Bundaberg Arts Festival, First Prize Watercolour, Acquisitive, Qld
2001 Bundaberg Arts Festival, First Prize Overall, Acquisitive, Qld
2000 Currumbin Festival of Arts, First Prize, Qld
1999 Marymount Art Exhibition, First Prize, Qld
1998 Port Macquarie Award, Highly Commended, NSW
1997 Currumbin Festival of Arts, First Prize, Qld
1996 Martin Hanson Memorial Art Exhibition, Public Choice, Qld
1995 Festival on the Bay, Moreton College, Highly Commended, Qld
1994 Inaugural Australian International Miniature Art Exhibition Public Choice, Qld
1994 Currumbin Festival of Arts, First Prize, Qld
1994 Slovenian Association Art Exhibition, First Prize, Vic
1993 Currumbin Festival of Arts, Second Prize and Highly Commended, Qld
1990 Laidley Shire Cultural Association, Second Prize, Qld
1987 Tweed Art Show, Second Prize, NSW
1986 Nerang Festival of Arts, Second Prize and Highly Commended, Qld
1984 Queensland Art Society Annual Exhibition, Second Prize and Highly Commended, Qld
1983 Trinity Art Show, Highly Commended, Qld
1982 Marymount College Art Show, Highly Commended, Qld

Solo Exhibitions

2010 The Grassland Regional Art Gallery, Tambo, Queensland
2009 The Grassland Regional Art Gallery, Tambo, Queensland
2009 CWM Galleries, Woollahra, NSW
2008 Quilpie Regional Gallery, Quilpie, Qld
2002 Convent Gallery, Daylesford, Vic
2001 Grand View Fine Art Gallery, Cleveland, Qld
2000 Sylvannia Gallery, Sydney, NSW
1998 Everglades Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW
1997 Eltham Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
1996 Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1996 Warwick Regional Gallery, Warwick, Qld
1995 Downs Gallery, Toowoomba, Qld
1994 Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1994 Crafters Gallery, Mt Tamborine, Qld
1993 Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1992 Everglades Gallery, Port Macquarie, NSW
1992 ANA Hotel, Gold Coast, Qld
1992 Crafters Gallery, Mt Tamborine, Qld
1992 McWhirters Artspace, Brisbane, Qld
1990 Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT
1990 ANA Hotel, Gold Coast, Qld
1989 Eltham Gallery, Melbourne, Vic
1988 Visions Gallery, Gold Coast, Qld
1987 Central Bank, Maribor, Slovenia

Selected Group Exhibitions

2005 "Spirit of the Outback", Winton, Qld
2001 Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1998 Sylvannia Galleries, Sydney, NSW
1997 Martin Hanson Memorial Art Exhibition, Gladstone Regional Gallery, Qld
1997 Hibiscus Gallery, Burnie, Tas
1996 Brooklet House, Byron Bay, NSW

1996 Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Tas
1996 Framed Darwin Gallery, Darwin, NT
1996 National Museum of Art, Ljubljana, Slovenia
1996 Central Gallery, Maribor, Slovenia
1996 Doljenska Gallery, Slovenia
1996 Carinthia Gallery, Austria
1996 Central Gallery, Trieste, Italy
1996 Red Hill Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1995 Albert Shire Regional Gallery, Nerang, Qld
1994 Centre Gallery, Gold Coast, Qld
1994 Exhibition of Slovenian Artists, Melbourne, Vic
1994 Stanthorpe Regional Gallery, Stanthorpe, Qld
1992 Australian Society of Miniature Art, Hobart, Tas
1992 Crafters Gallery, Mt Tamborine, Qld
1991 Australian Guild of Realist Artists, Mildura, Vic
1991 Bookplate and Artist's Book Exhibition,
McWhirters Artspace, Brisbane, Qld
1991 Jabiru Gallery, Sanctuary Cove, Qld
1991 McWhirters Artspace, Brisbane, Qld
1990 Australian Society of Miniature Art, Darwin, NT
1990 Australian Guild of Realist Artists, Melbourne, Vic
1990 Jabiru Gallery, Sanctuary Cove, Qld
1990 Exhibition of Slovenian Artists, Melbourne, Vic
1990 Aberdare Art Prize, Ipswich City Gallery, Qld
1989 National Women's Exhibition, Mezzanine Gallery, Brisbane, Qld
1988 Centre Gallery, Gold Coast, Qld
1988 Exhibition of Slovenian Artists, Melbourne, Vic
1988 Electrokovina Exhibition, Maribor, Slovenia
1988 International Exhibition, Ljubljana, Slovenia
1987 Electrokovina Exhibition, Maribor, Slovenia

Collections

Gold Coast City Art Gallery Collection, Gold Coast, Qld
James Hardie Collection of Australian Art, State Library of Qld
Prime Minister's Office, Brisbane, Qld
Embassy of Slovenia, Canberra, ACT
Treasury Casino, Brisbane, Qld
ANA Hotels, Gold Coast, Qld and Tokyo, Japan
Pioneer Concrete, Brisbane, Qld
Royal Pines International Hotel, Gold Coast, Qld
Slovenian Association, Melbourne, Vic
Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT
Twin Towns Services Club, Tweed Heads, NSW
Private School Collections, Qld and Vic

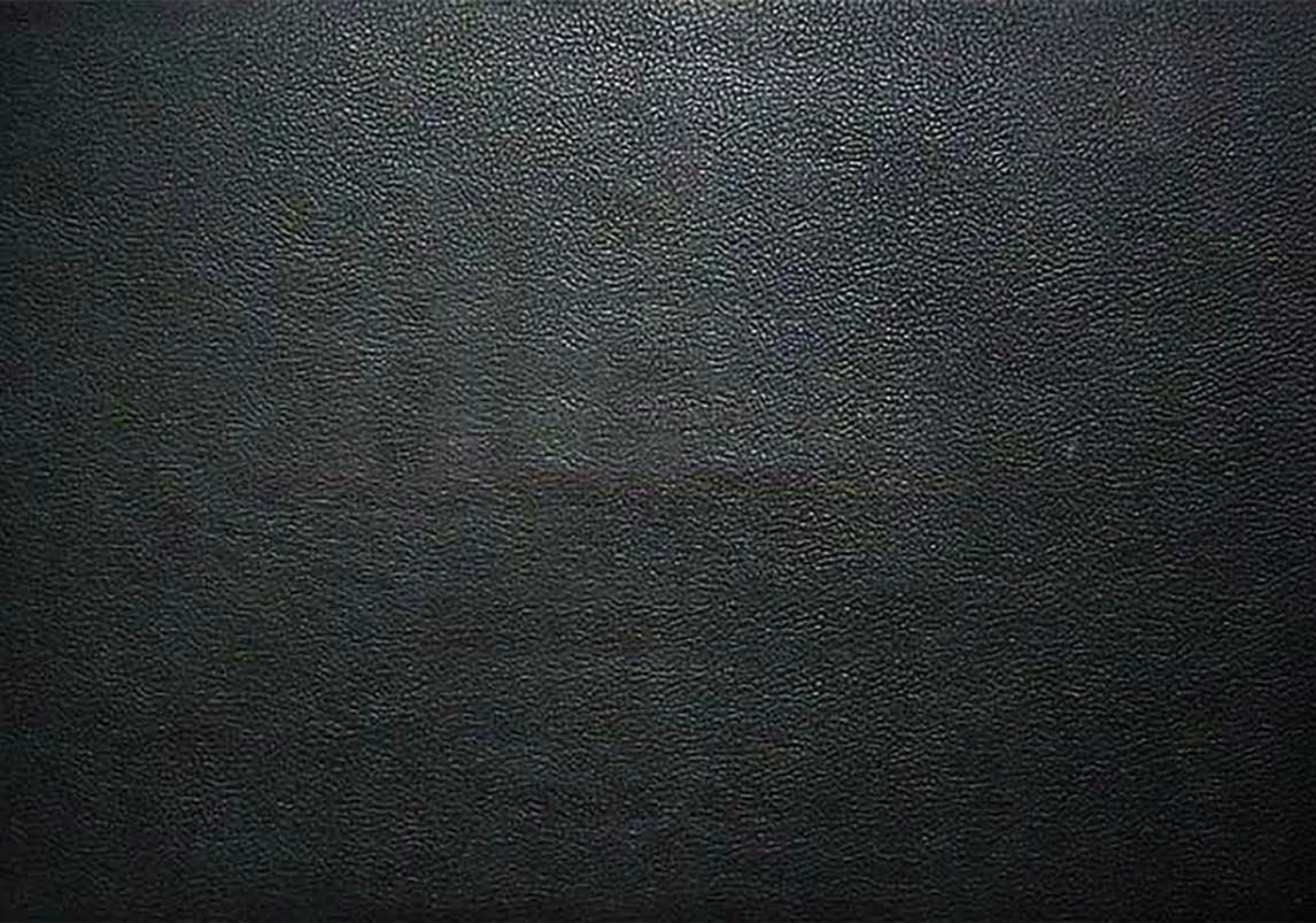
Commissions

Treasury Casino, Brisbane, Qld
ANA Hotels, Gold Coast and Tokyo
Pioneer Concrete, Brisbane, Qld
Hilton Hotel, Brisbane, Qld
Royal Pines International Hotel, Gold Coast, Qld

Artist in Residence

2004 - 2008 Charles Sturt University,
"Mitchell School of Arts", Bathurst, NSW
2002 Bundaberg Art Society, Qld
2002 Australian Guild of Artists, Brisbane, Qld
2001 - 2004 Clifton Art Workshops, Qld
1998 Nanango Art Society, Qld
1996 Warwick Regional Gallery, Qld
1991 Northern Mackay State High School, Qld
1986 - 1987 Guardian Angels Private School, Southport, Qld

Art Publications

1994 "James Hardie Collection of Australian Art",
State Library of Queensland
1991 "A Dictionary of Women Artists of Australia",
Max Germaine, Craftsman House
1991 "The Rainforest", Limited Edition Book by Metka,
State Library of Queensland,
Handmade Books by Australian Artists
1990 "Artists & Galleries of Australia",
Max Germaine, Craftsman House
1987 Art Curriculum for Queensland
Catholic Education Department by Metka Skrobar

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